

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 2, 2023

7:00PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Nelson Learn

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
MOCCIA	<u>X(Phone)</u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
TALANCA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	<u> </u>
WOZNIAK	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
Borough Manager	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			

*Borough Council met at 6:00 p.m. today for an executive session, to discuss specific police personnel.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayoral Proclamation - 2023 OUTFEST
2. Marti Joines, Edward Jones Investments - Mr. Joines presented to Council on various government investing possibilities. Borough Manager recommended to keep in mind for the new year, depending on financial situation at that time.

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of September 18, 2023.

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Ms. Wozniak

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Around the Table
 - a. Borough Manager - Reminded Council of upcoming ceremony for Curry Way, and Riverfest
 - b. Ms. Wozniak - Provided update on efforts to create hospital
 - c. Mr. Jarrett - Provided update on Berwick Theater, including potential grant application
 - d. Mr. Kytte - Noted that Playworld installation is complete, and resurfacing has started; gave update on recycling truck

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to accept quote to redesign Borough of Berwick website from The Internet Place, Inc., in the amount of \$3,995.
Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Troiani Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG Invoice of September 8, 2023, in the amount of \$10,000, for administration of Berwick Borough FFY 2021 HUD Entitlement, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG Invoice of September 8, 2023, in the amount of \$7,050, for administration of Berwick Borough FFY 2022 HUD Entitlement, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to accept CDBG Washington Street reconstruction engineering proposal from R.K. Webster in the amount of \$10,900.

Discussion: Borough Manager presented Council with results of proposal opening, including SEDA-COG recommendation to go with low proposal.

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve request of Garrett and Taylor Dinelli to improve a portion of the current unopened section of Fifth Avenue.

Discussion: Mr. Dinelli presented reason for request to Council. Conversation indicated that Council would likely not choose to pay for this project, but would allow it at owners' expense. This allowance will be added under "Item 11: Added Items".

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

Item died for lack of a motion.

6. Consider and take action to approve payment of Stephenson Equipment, Inc. Invoice #15055910, in the amount of \$58,144.40, to be reimbursed in part by state recycling grant.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to grant permission to Mr. and Mrs. Dinelli to improve unopened section of 5th Avenue right-of-way, at their expense, with no Borough maintenance, and the Borough retaining ownership, contingent upon notification to and final permission from Borough Manager.

Discussion: Continuation of discussion from Item 5 of New Business. Council indicated a willingness to allow, but not fund, this request, given the terms laid out in the proposed motion.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Talanca Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Connie Donlin, Berwick Arts Association - Thanked Council for its continued support of the arts. Noted that projects continue to happen. Invited Council to celebration at Freas Farm on October 15.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.